

USA Learns: Skills for the Nursing Assistant (Selected Course)

Overview

Resource Type	Subjects	NRS Level(s)
Online	Writing, Reading, ESL	ESL 5

Summary

General Information

USA Learn's "Skills for the Nursing Assistant" is a four-unit course that focuses on communication within a healthcare setting. Within each of the four units, the lessons are split into activities that address vocabulary, academic note taking skills, application of language skills, etc. With reading passages and listening/viewing recordings that range up to six minutes in length, intermediate to intermediate-high level English Language Learners will find themselves appropriately challenged as they engage in this course. This course has a heavy emphasis on listening and reading skills, with listening passages that increase the students' note-taking skills as they are required to take notes first on broad ideas, then on details. Likewise, the comprehension questions for the reading passages require students to apply what they have learned from the passage in order to answer the questions, pushing the activities into descriptor level 4 (or NRS 5) of the English Language Proficiency Standards.

All listening and reading passages focus on authentic situations, such as the reading passages that explain basic CNA procedures. Teachers will notice that each lesson contains explicit instruction on the skills the students will need in order to complete activities such as asking for clarification or making a polite request. Because there are no follow up activities in which students get to practice these skills in a real or simulated speaking environment, teachers may want to supplement these lessons with in-class speaking activities. Teachers using the ELPS will find that most activities within this unit align to standards 1, 7, 8, and 9.

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